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OFFERS BY MEMBER STATES OF STUDY AND TRAINING FACILITIES FOR INHABITANTS OF NON-SELF-GOVERNING TERRITORIES

Report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 20 September 1996, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its fifty-first session the item entitled "Offers by Member States of study and training facilities for inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing Territories" and to allocate it to the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee).

2. At its 2nd meeting, on 1 October 1996, the Fourth Committee decided to hold a general debate covering agenda items 19, 88, 89, 90 and 12, and 91 on the understanding that individual proposals on matters covered by those items would be considered separately. The general debate took place at the 2nd to 5th and 8th meetings, on 1, 7, 9, 10 and 28 October.

3. The Fourth Committee considered item 91 at its 2nd to 5th and 8th meetings, on 1, 7, 9, 10 and 28 October 1996 (see A/C.4/51/SR.2-5 and 8).

4. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the report of the Secretary-General relating to the item (A/51/373).

II. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT RESOLUTION A/C.4/51/L.6

5. At the 8th meeting, on 28 October, the Chairman drew attention to a draft resolution entitled "Offers by Member States of study and training facilities for inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing Territories" (A/C.4/51/L.6), which was sponsored by Algeria, Argentina, Australia, Brazil, China, Cuba, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Jamaica, Mali, New Zealand, the Philippines, Singapore, Sweden, Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago and the United Republic of Tanzania.

6. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/51/L.6 without a vote (see para. 7).

III. RECOMMENDATION OF THE SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

7. The Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Offers by Member States of study and training facilities for inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing Territories

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 50/35 of 6 December 1995,

Having examined the report of the Secretary-General on offers by Member States of study and training facilities for inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing Territories, 1/ prepared pursuant to its resolution 845 (IX) of 22 November 1954,

Conscious of the importance of promoting the educational advancement of the inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing Territories,

Strongly convinced that the continuation and expansion of offers of scholarships is essential in order to meet the increasing need of students from Non-Self-Governing Territories for educational and training assistance, and considering that students in those Territories should be encouraged to avail themselves of such offers,

1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General;

2. Expresses its appreciation to those Member States that have made scholarships available to the inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing Territories;

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3. Invites all States to make or continue to make generous offers of study and training facilities to the inhabitants of those Territories that have not yet attained self-government or independence and, wherever possible, to provide travel funds to prospective students;

4. Urges the administering Powers to take effective measures to ensure the widespread and continuous dissemination in the Territories under their administration of information relating to offers of study and training facilities made by States and to provide all the necessary facilities to enable students to avail themselves of such offers;

5. Requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its fifty-second session on the implementation of the present resolution;

6. Draws the attention of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples to the present resolution.